

STATE OF INDIANA  
\_\_\_\_\_ COURT

In The Matter Of:

CASE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
A Child In Need Of Services

**ORDER ON INITIAL HEARING  
Admissions of CHINS**

The Indiana Department of Child Services, appears by counsel, \_\_\_\_\_,  
and by (Family Case Manager)(Intake Officer) \_\_\_\_\_, and the child  
\_\_\_\_\_, (appears in person) (is excluded for good cause shown upon the record).  
The parent(s) (guardian) (custodian), \_\_\_\_\_, appear in person.

[ ] Under Ind. Code 31-32-6-2, the public is excluded from all proceedings in this case.

The CHINS petition comes on for Initial Hearing.

The Court finds:

[ ] It is appropriate to appoint a guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate for the child.

[ ] The Court advises the parent(s) (child) (guardian) (custodian) of the material allegations of the petition, the rights of the parent(s) and child, and the right to be represented by counsel, (and counsel being present), (and there being a waiver of counsel entered freely and voluntarily), this matter proceeds to initial hearing.

[ ] The Court having informed those present of their legal rights and having further advised those present of the matters required by Ind. Code 31-34-10-4 and 5, finds:

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\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent)(Guardian)(Custodian), through counsel, hereby waives Initial Hearing and the Court finds:

[ ] The child's date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_ and the child is \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

[ ] The parent(s) (guardian) (custodian) admit(s) the following allegations of the petition alleged under Ind. Code 31-34-1-1 through 5, 7, 8:

\_\_\_\_\_.

[ ] The child admits the following allegations of the petition alleged under Ind. Code 31-34-1-6: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ The parent(s) (guardian) (custodian) admit(s) the following allegations of the petition alleged under Ind. Code 31-34-1-10 or 11:
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- ☐ This matter is referred to the local coordinating committee due to the possibility of a restrictive placement being made.
- ☐ An admission of the allegations of the petition having been entered, the child is now adjudged a Child In Need of Services as defined by Ind. Code 31-34-1.
- ☐ By agreement of the parties, an immediate Dispositional Hearing is requested and held.

-OR-

- ☐ The court sets a Dispositional Hearing in this case for the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_M. and the parties are ordered to return to court at said time and date without further notice.
- ☐ [a] DCS shall prepare and file a Predispositional Report with the Court with a copy to the respective parties \_\_\_\_ days prior to the dispositional hearing.
- ☐ [b] The person preparing the Predispositional Report shall confer with individuals who have expertise in professional areas related to the child's needs in the areas of appropriate care, treatment, rehabilitation or placement.
- ☐ *(If the child is detained by this order)* The removal of the child was authorized and necessary under IC 31-34-2-3 to protect the child; continuation of residence in the home of the parents/guardians would be contrary to the welfare of the child because:  
\_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ Due to the emergency nature of the situation no reasonable efforts could be made to prevent removal.

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- ☐ Reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the need to reunify or prevent the removal of the child.
- ☐ Reasonable efforts to reunify or prevent the removal of the child from the home were:
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OR

- ☐ The statements of reasonable efforts as set forth in the pleadings and papers of the DCS filed herein are incorporated by reference.)

-OR-

- ☐ Reasonable efforts to reunify a child with the child's parent, guardian or custodian or preserve the child's family are not required because: \_\_\_\_\_.
- DCS is ordered to complete a permanency plan pursuant to Ind. Code 31-34-21-5.7 within thirty days.

Revised:

- [ ] *(If the child is detained by this order)* The court further finds that it is in the best interest of the child to be removed from the home environment and remaining in the home would be contrary to the health and welfare of the child.
- [ ] *(If the child is detained)* Each parent is ordered to furnish the Court with an accurately completed and current child support obligation worksheet on the same form that is prescribed by the Indiana Supreme Court for child support orders, pursuant to Ind. Code 31-40-1-3.
- [ ] A separate Financial Obligation Order is being issued.
- [ ] DCS is given responsibility for placement and care of the child
- [ ] *(If the child is detained)* The legal settlement of the child is \_\_\_\_\_ and DCS should provide notice required by Ind. Code 20-26-11-9.
- [ ] The court now appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as Guardian ad Litem/Court-Appointed Special Advocate.

A review hearing is set for \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

A permanency hearing is set for \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

SO ORDERED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_, Judge

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